

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO
AMENDING THE STREET NAMING COMMISSION GUIDELINES AND POTENTIAL
REMOVAL OF CURRENT COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2008

PREPARED BY: Jennifer M. Lyon, City Attorney

APPROVED FOR AGENDA BY: Ralph Velez, City Manager



RECOMMENDATION: Adopt ordinance by title only and waive full reading of the ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BACKGROUND: In 2004, Council created the Street Naming Commission ("SNC") which was originally composed of seven members, with the Mayor getting three total appointments. In December of 2005, the Council adopted a commission revision ordinance to decrease the size of all City boards, commissions and committees to five members, with each Councilmember getting one appointment. The Street Naming Commission's guidelines were never revised to comply with the new commission procedures.

DISCUSSION (Current consideration): The proposed ordinance attached hereto would decrease the SNC's size to five members and make all other procedures consistent with the City's current code provisions for commissions, boards and committees. On September 16, 2008, Council voted to remove all existing commissioners and to appoint new commissioners to the SNC. All new appointees will have terms that run concurrent with the councilmember who appointed them.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO AMENDING CHAPTER 12.10 OF TITLE 12 OF THE CALEXICO MUNICIPAL CODE (STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES) AS IT PERTAINS TO THE STREET NAMING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City Council amended the procedures pertaining to most City boards, commissions and committees in 2005 and seeks to amend the guidelines of the Street Naming Commission to be consistent therewith.

WHEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12.10 of Title 12 of the Calexico Municipal Code (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) will be amended to read as follows:

12.10.010 Established

An advisory Commission to be known and designated as the "Street Naming Commission" of the city is hereby created and established.

12.10.020 Organization

- A. The commission shall be composed of five members. Eligibility for appointments and appointment procedures shall be governed under Chapter 2.19 of this Code.
- B. The terms of office shall be governed by Section 2.19.050 of this Code. The removal of members shall be governed by Section 2.19.020 of this Code.

12.10.030 Compensation. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

12.10.040 Officers

The officers of the commission shall consist of a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary, to be elected by the commission, and such other officers as the commission may from time to time designate. The term of said officers shall be fixed by the commission.

12.10.050 Rules and Regulations

The commission shall make its own rules and regulations and fix the procedure for calling, holding and conducting meetings; providing that such rules and regulations are not in conflict with the provisions of any laws of the State of California, City of Calexico, or laws or ordinances of any political subdivision thereof.

12.10.06 Powers and Duties

- A. The commission shall have such specific duties and powers as the Council shall from time to time invest in it.
- B. In addition, the commission shall have the following duties and powers:
 - 1. To study, investigate, and make recommendations to the City Council for the naming of new streets in the City of Callexico;
- C. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to abridge or change the powers and duties of other commissions, departments, boards or bodies of the city.

12.10.070 Procedure for Selection of New Street Names

- A. All requests for street names are to be forwarded to the Street Naming Commission for review and its recommendation which will then be forwarded to the City Council for its final approval.
- B. The following basic rules shall be followed by the Commission in selecting names to recommend to the Council:
 - a. Street names shall be selected through a common theme within a particular neighborhood, subdivision, or sub-area.
 - b. The extension of existing neighborhoods shall use the theme common to existing street names found within the neighborhood.
 - c. Where possible, an attempt will be made to locate the name of local pioneers to those areas where they resided.

12.10.080 Changing of Existing Street Names and Addresses

- A. Street names, or addresses, may be changed at the request of the City Council, or under limited circumstances, at the request of property owner if an error has been made in assigning the original street name or address. Valid reasons to initiate a change include:
 - a. To correct past errors in spelling and address;
 - b. Duplication of layout as the result of redevelopment or consolidation of properties;
 - c. Creation of conflict or confusion.
- B. All recommendations for change of existing street names or addresses shall be made only after consultation with the local United States Post Office administration.

- C. The City shall pay costs related to changes in municipal signage only. Residents and property owners shall be responsible for all private costs relating to a change in street name and address.

SECTION 2. Except as amended above, the remaining provisions of CHAPTER 12.10 OF TITLE 12 OF THE CALEXICO MUNICIPAL CODE (STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES), shall remain the same.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the date of its adoption.

Passed, approved and adopted this 7th day of October, 2008

Louis Fuentes, Mayor

Attest:

Lourdes Cordova, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jennifer M. Lyon, City Attorney

State of California)
County of Imperial) ss
City of Calexico)

I, Lourdes Cordova, City Clerk for the City of Calexico do hereby certify the foregoing Ordinance No. _____ was approved by the City Council in a regular meeting held on the ____ day of October 2008 by the following vote to-wit:

AYES;
NOES:
ABSENT:

Lourdes Cordova, City Clerk